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This design market on Amsterdam's Museumplein offers fashion, accessories, textiles, homewares, jewellery, stationery and much more, all by local designers. When you're done shopping, grab a bite of food and enjoy some live music or performances.
Sun 21 May & 18 Jun, Museumplein, museummarket.nl

TULP FESTIVAL

Despite their fame, it takes a bit more effort to track down tulips in the streets and gardens of Amsterdam nowadays. But there can never be enough tulips, and so every spring, this festival celebrates the famous flower and ensures it blooms all over the city. Until mid-May, more than 500,000 colourful and occasionally rare tulips can be seen in the gardens of museums, private homes and other city institutions.

Until 14 May, various locations, tulpfestival.com

SPRINGSNOW FESTIVAL

Every year, Amsterdam's elm trees scatter a blanket of blossom over the city's streets: a phenomenon that has come to be known as 'spring snow'. This celebration of spring includes a walking route past the city's elm highlights, exhibitions and side programmes.

Until 21 May, various locations, springsnow.nl

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH

removing pop-up stores, a mini theatre, a host of other performance surprises and plenty of fantastic food and drink.

Fri 5 May, Blijburg, vrijlandfestival.nl

AMSTERDAM KOOKT

Delicious snacks, food trucks, tasting sessions, good wine, a beer garden and cooking workshops are all in place here. Amsterdam Kookt also offers a music programme.

Fri 5-Sun 7 May, Olympic Stadium, amsterdamkookt.nl

HET AMSTERDAMS VERBOND

Organisers of Het Amsterdams Verbond include Vanzige Deuntjes, Chicago Social Club, Club NYX, Yours Truly, Klear and Baskets. Thanks to this alliance of Amsterdam's top nightlife specialists, expect a vibrant festival spirit in which quality dance music takes centre stage.

5 May, Sportpark De Vondracht, hetamsterdamsverbond.nl

FIBER FESTIVAL

Always looking ahead, Fiber returns for its latest full celebration of cutting-edge audio-visual art, design, music and digital culture. Look out for numerous multimedia installations, lectures, screenings and live performances that reflect our digital lives of today and tomorrow.



REMEMBRANCE & LIBERATION DAY

Amsterdam joins the rest of the Netherlands on 4 May when its citizens pause to pay their respects to the fallen soldiers of World War Two and more recent military conflicts and peacekeeping operations. There are remembrance events throughout the day but the national moment of remembrance takes place at 20:00. Then it's time for a party on 5 May, as the crowds take to the streets to celebrate their freedom on Liberation Day. Bands and performers take to stages erected at various locations in the city, and there are numerous festivals going on around town, too. For a classy end to the day, head to the free Amstel Concert for classical and pop.
4 & 5 May, various locations, 4en5meiamsterdam.nl

ARTZUID

Artzuid is a four-month event putting amazing contemporary sculptures from all over the world on display in Amsterdam Zuid. Look for 50 abstract sculptures installed in the district's beautiful Berlage-designed avenues (primarily the Apollolaan and Minervalaan) and through the Zuidas business district. There's free access to the exhibition 24/7. To experience the sculptures, visitors can simply wander the streets and uncover the artistic surprises, follow a pre-planned walking route, or join an official Artzuid guided tour for extra depth. The event's central info point can be found at Minervalaan 1.
19 May-17 Sep, various locations, artzuid.nl

The Hamburg-based record label Dynamic heads west to pack this forested location south of Amsterdam full of pulse-pounding dance beats. The line-up includes regulars like Solomun, Adriatique and Kollektiv Turmschasse, plus a host of special guests.

Fri 26 May, Amsterdamse Bos, dynamicfestival.com

SUMMER BREEZE LATIN FESTIVAL 2017

Let things get spicy at the Vondelpark Open Air Theatre this spring. The Summer Breeze Latin Festival is a celebration of all things sensual salsa. It promises dance workshops, dance acts and lots of live music.

Sun 28 May, Vondelpark Open Air Theatre, openluchttheater.nl

KUNSTRAI

The longest-running art fair in the Netherlands offers art lovers the chance to get their hands on the latest and greatest in the scene. Alongside the regular gallery-centred stands, booths are devoted to individual artists allowing visitors to delve deeper into their work.

The 2017 edition includes a particular focus on the Belgian city of Antwerp, while the RAW Edges programme sees 10 young galleries present new talents to a broader audience.
Wed 31 May-Mon 5 Jun, RAW Amsterdam, kunstrai.nl